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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Stuart Brown  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/629,048 EXAMINER : Brian Scott Szmaj  
FILING DATE: July 28, 2003 ART UNIT : 3736  
FOR: TISSUE AND FLUID SAMPLING DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter (1 page); and
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 26859-002. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid A. Beattie, Reg. No. 42,306  
Alison McCarthy, Reg. No. 51,998

Attorney(s) for Applicant

c/o MINTZ, LEVIN

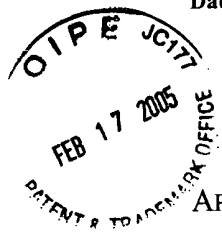
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STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Sir:

Applicant filed the present application on July 28, 2003. To date, Applicant has not received an Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ingrid A. Beattie".

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